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Hello,

while not being an US citizen I still want to inform you about my 'International' point of view. From my perspective its important for the US to give a strong signal to the International community that these kind of practices are not allowed.

Even if it is considered to be good for US business I can only say that it is not good to bet on one horse. By making it difficult for other American companies to compete on the ICT market they can not expand to other countries. In the case that MS is not severly punished for its acts there will be a reaction from the International community against MS sooner or later. This will harm the US is a bigger way because its one company which competes on the International ICT market, by sharing this ICT market over more US companies it will be possible for the US to do more business Internationally with a lot less risk.

However I am not writing this because I think its bad for US business although it is, I am writing this because it should not be allowed for one company to be this powerfull. I think there should be real competition if that is inside or outside the US does not matter.

MS now has the power to infiltrate and take over any market they wish and they will do so in the future. The first actions that they want to infiltrate the consumer electronics market have already started (Xbox). If the US wants a healthy economic state they should not allow for a company to be so powerfull.

Greetings,  
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